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## Sen. Stamas announces Michigan Public Service Commission 'Consumer Forum' in Alpena

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**LANSING** – The Michigan Public Service Commission will hold a "Consumer Forum" in Alpena next month for residents to learn about changes occurring in the electric, natural gas and telephone industries, announced Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland.

"This will be an opportunity for residents to ask questions about the upcoming rate changes and get answers from members of the Michigan Public Service Commission," Stamas said.

Commissioner Laura Chappelle will be available to answer questions and take comments regarding utility service.

The focus of the forum will be the increase of wholesale natural gas prices and how the increase will affect consumer's monthly bills.

Residents will also be able to get the latest information on electric and natural gas rates for winter, learn about alternative electric and natural gas providers and the status of local and long distance telephone service.

The forum will take place at the following time and location:

City: Alpena

When: Wednesday, Sept. 14

6 p.m.

**Where:** George N. Fletcher Public Library

Conference Room 211 N. First Ave.

"I encourage residents to attend this forum and get the most up to date information the Michigan Public Service Commission has to share," Stamas said.